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J. R. RACE & CO.

Are in receipt of their Spring Stock of

Cassimeres AND Piece Goods!

which will be made up to order in the Latest Styles and fits guaranteed. We never had a finer line of piece goods in stock than now.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SUITS.

Of every grade and price, suitable for spring wear. Also

MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS

OF ALL KINDS.

Fine Line of New Ties at 50 Cents.

Come and look at our stock and prices.

J. R. RACE & CO.

March 15, 1883—1883

For the purpose of disposing of
ONE HALF OUR LOTS
ON
Water, Durfee, Bradford and Marietta Sts.,
And having them improved during the coming season, we are making
Special Offer of Reduced Prices and Easy Terms, good for 90 Days from this date.

WARREN & DURFEE.
March 9, 1883—1883

Celery Culture Made Easy.

Until recently the culture of celery has been quite limited in most parts of this country. It is presented to market gardens in the vicinity of large towns. During the past few years there have been large plantations of it in many of the Northern States. Its cultivation is increasing rapidly. Still the demand for it is rarely ever supplied. During the oyster season and while poultry is abundant in the market it is often very difficult to obtain celery enough to meet the demand for it. Persons who become accustomed to the use of celery during the winter season when other vegetables are scarce. Still celery is almost unknown as an article of food in the country and in small towns. It is rarely ever seen on the tables of farmers who might have it in abundance. Many people in the country never use it, because there is none for sale in their vicinity, and because they do not know how to raise it without great trouble and expense. Some have seen it in cultivation, but the methods employed were so costly or laborious that they were deterred from adopting them. It was formerly thought necessary to sow the seed and to raise the young plants in a green-house or hot-bed, to transplant them several times before they were placed in the positions where they were to mature, and to dig deep trenches for the plants to grow in after they were of considerable size. It was also thought necessary to shade the plants after they were first set out, and to do the work of cultivation with hand-tools. Even with all this labor the crop was a very uncertain one. It was liable to be destroyed by the rust, a lack of moisture, or an accumulation of water in the trenches.

The cultivation of celery has been much simplified during the past few years, and the varieties raised have been much improved. The giant varieties have been generally discarded for the reason that it takes much longer for them to mature, and they are liable to more injuries, and require a greater amount of care. Small or dwarf varieties are now generally raised. These mature much quicker, are subject to less injuries, and are much more easily raised and prepared for the table or market, as the labor of blanching is less. It is now comparatively easy for any one living on a farm or in a village to raise a sufficient amount of celery for the supply of a family. Celery is also a profitable and somewhat easy crop to raise in most parts of the country. If the land is quite valuable celery can be raised on ground that has produced one crop of early vegetables. The crop does not do well in localities subject to protracted droughts or to high winds, or where the ground is in the form of trees, fences, or rising ground is afforded. The plants do best on soils that are quite moist. Very large crops of celery have been raised on bogs that have been drained and on sandy soils that are well supplied with water. If it is planted on sandy soils, considerable manure must be used. To prevent much labor the soil should be quite free from the grass and the seeds of weeds. If the ground is not naturally well watered, it must be found to be the best general fertilizer. Salt and wood ashes are also desirable. The soil for raising celery should not only be tolerably rich, but well pulverized to a considerable depth. The seed is small and grows very slowly. On this account it must be sown in a favorable situation as early in the spring as the soil will admit of working. In this latitude it is advisable to sow it in the early part of April.

For the purpose of raising celery plants for sale, sow the seed in hot-beds, so as to have them of large size when they are wanted for setting out. Persons who wish only to raise plants for the use of the family can start them in a box, like those in which celery is sold, in which the seed is kept in a sunny exposure in the house while the weather is cold, and placed out of doors when the weather is favorable. The earth in the box should be quite rich and free from four seeds. Some heat the soil with a few inches of straw, and the seeds are sown in it. The earth must be quite moist, and after the plants are of considerable size it is well to place the bottom of the box occasionally in water, and allow the earth to absorb all the water it can. For raising a large number of plants it is better to make use of a seed-bed in the open ground. It should be about six feet wide, and as long as is necessary to raise the plants desired. The soil in the bed must be rich, well pulverized and free from seeds. Some practice burning over the seed-bed in order to destroy insects and the seeds of weeds. The seed should be sown in rows about ten inches apart. They should be straight and marked by sticks at the ends. It is also desirable to draw radii from the ends, about six inches apart. They will germinate quickly and grow where the rows are, and will allow the ground between them to be worked before the young plants appear. The soil between the rows should be worked twice a week, and great pains taken to prevent any weeds or grass from growing. If the soil becomes quite dry it must be moistened, the water being applied at night. The seed will germinate quicker if it is soaked in warm water a day and night before it is sown. An application of liquid manure will cause the young plants to grow more rapidly. If the plants are quite thick they should be thinned out so they will stand about an inch apart.

If very choice stalks of celery are desired, they will pay to remove some of the plants when they are quite small into permanent positions or are removed into nursery rows, they should be thinned several times in order to render them stocky. The bottom leaves should be taken off and the top ones shortened. This work should be done with sharp knives. In setting the plants in permanent rows, it is best to shorten the roots if they are quite long. Transplanting may be done at any suitable time from the middle of June to the first of August. The most favorable time for transplanting is during or immediately

after a rain. If no rain occurs for a considerable period, the ground must be artificially moistened when the plants are set out. The soil should be in good condition at the time of transplanting. It should be plowed or spaded quite deep, and further pulverized with a harrow or rake. The rows should be entirely straight to render the work of cultivation easy. It is best to use a line in setting out plants. If giant varieties are cultivated the rows should be five feet apart, if medium-sized varieties are raised they may be four feet, and if dwarf kinds are selected they may be within three feet of each other. The plants are set in the rows from six to nine inches apart, according to the variety cultivated. A dibble is the best implement to use in setting out. The plants should be nicely trimmed before they are set out. It is best to have one person prepare and drop the plants where they are wanted, and another set them out. The soil should be well pressed about them when they are in the proper place.

The plants make a very slow growth, even under the most favorable circumstances, for some time after they have been placed in their new locations. After they have been established, however, and received suitable cultivation they grow rapidly. The first cultivation consists in loosening the soil about the plants with a hoe and in keeping the ground about them free from weeds. The plants or the rows should not be disturbed when they are wet with rain or dew. Rust is generally produced by cultivating the plants when they are wet. After-cultivation consists of working the soil between the rows with a harrow, or hoe, small plow, or the hand rake. The latter implement should be employed between the plants, no matter what is used to keep the ground mellow between the rows. The plants will become quite large by the last of September, by which time the plants required for early use should be "worked" or banded up in order to blanch the leaves. This process consists in gathering the leaves together in one hand and drawing the earth about them with a hoe. In large plantations one person gathers the leaves and holds them firmly, while another draws the earth about them. After the leaves are supported by the earth brought about them by the hoe, a plow is employed to throw a larger quantity of earth up against the earth from getting between the leaves. The tops of the leaves should not be covered by the earth. They should be allowed an opportunity to grow, and will in a few weeks become long enough to require a second banding. This operation must sometimes be repeated more than once.—Chicago Times.

—A Vicksburg engineer says the Mississippi has an average depth of ten feet at low water increasing to fifty in times of flood; and that as the bottom is soft loam or sand which settles down two hundred feet before it reaches the rocks, no levees can be constructed which will not be liable to undermining by the freshet.

—The increased tendency to play chess by telegraph suggests our intimating that it wouldn't be a bad idea to have prize-fights and cooking mains conducted in the same way.—Home Sentinel.

Methods of Locomotion in Japan.

A Japanese horse is so cheaply obtained, and the cost of keeping it is so insignificant, that it is the fashion here to keep a pony and trap for individual use. One of the indispensable auxiliaries of an outfit of the pony and trap is a "betta." A "betta" is a hostler and outrider, or rather he is an outrunner, as his place has been determined by usage to be near the head of the team. The fellows run like racehorses, and do a host of odd jobs. Generally the ladies drive without male companions, and many of them have developed considerable ability in handling the lines. The most inexpensive mode of locomotion for any one residing here is to join the Japanese brigade. One of the most comfortable establishments, with a gig-top attachment for protection against rain, can be purchased for about \$25. A man can be hired for about \$3 a month to be constantly on hand for propelling purposes, and he will travel as fast as far in a day as the average English stock of the country. He requires no "betta" or groom; takes care of himself and the risk; comes in the morning and is at your command as long as needed. The Japanese is introduced, and there are many thousands of them in Japan.—Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

Notice.

DECATUR, ILL., March 6, 1883.
We, the undersigned, recommend John Williams, our present road supervisor, to the voters of Decatur township for reelection to the office in District No. 2, in said township, as he has given good satisfaction.
John Carter, Frank Sites, Charles Nims, A. Brooks, Samuel Sims, Oliver Wheeler, Geo. Lambert, George Elser, John Varney, C. B. Rine, Henry Rine, Charles Lewis, W. H. Hanson, H. C. Forrell, George Cepner, J. W. Troutman, E. Turner, Ben Berron, John Wallace, F. H. Park, Dan Gefford, Geo. Goodman, 18-47

The World Still Moves.
Notwithstanding Mother Shipton's dire prediction, the world still exists. The people will live longer if they use Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure, which subdues and conquers coughs, colds, consumptions, whooping cough, and all diseases of the lungs. For proof call at Dr. A. J. Stoner's drug store and get a bottle free. April 3-dw1

PLEASE remember that if you wish to buy any Spring or Summer Clothing, our stock offers in variety, extent, beauty and low price such attractions that cannot be found anywhere.
CHEAP CHARLEY, Manufacturer of Fine Clothing expressly for Retail Trade.

Our low prices and fair treatment have made our house the most popular clothing and merchant tailoring house in Decatur. See us before you buy. Decatur One-Price Clothing and Merchant Tailoring House, corner of Old Square. mch7-dw1

CHILDREN'S wear a specialty, at Fleury's, the French Couture, corner of Old Square. A complete stock, from the cheapest to the very finest, at extremely low prices, will always be found on our shelves. Please come and see. mch7-dw1

BOYS' SUITS! — THAT — SUIT THE BOYS



An Elegant Assortment!
COME AND SEE THEM.

JUST LANDED

— AT —

**B. STINE'S;
THE "BOSS CLOTHIER."**

March 23, 1883—1883

FACTS FOR HOUSE-KEEPERS

Syracuse Baking Powder Co.
Washington, D. C., Mar. 23, 1883.
I send you the result of my analysis of the following Baking Powders:
NAME OF POWDER. Percent of carbonate of soda in each pound. Percent of tartaric acid in each pound. Percent of starch in each pound. Percent of water in each pound. Percent of other ingredients in each pound.

The last five contain, as will be seen, a large percentage of starch. The TIP TOP is composed only of pure cream tartar, finest Bi-Carbonate of Soda and the Whites of Eggs. Strange as it may seem the Pure TIP TOP is the best Baking Powder in the market. It is represented by an asterisk with common ingredients, to such an extent that every purchaser of a pound of either of these powders from 7 to 17 cents for about 1-4 of starch (the ordinary cost of starch is one cent).

THE TIP TOP IS MADE ONLY OF
Pure Grape Cream Tartar, Finest Bi-Carbonate of Soda and the Whites of Eggs.
Try it, and learn the superiority of THE TIP TOP over all others. It requires one-third less, and is one-third stronger than any other Baking Powder. Manufactured by SYRACUSE BAKING POWDER CO., Syracuse, N. Y.

Sold in Decatur by PETER ULLRICH.

VIENNA BREAD.

The Genuine Article manufactured every day at
A. O. Brewer's Bakery
25 North Main Street.

I have in my employ a first-class baker, who has had long experience in baking all kinds of fancy breads, cakes, pastries, etc. I will travel for my own bakery the justly celebrated Vienna Bread, and you will say it is the finest you have ever eaten. My wheat and rye bread and Boston Brown Bread is sold up to its excellent standard. Cakes for parties and festivals furnished, and a fresh stock always on hand for family use.

Thanking the public for their increased patronage, I assure all my friends that I shall do everything in my power to merit their continued favor.

A. O. BREWER.

177 Market Street, near the corner of Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

and Vienna Rolls and Doughnuts fresh every afternoon.



THE BEST THING KNOWN

Washing and Bleaching

In Hard or Soft, Hot or Cold Water.

SAVES LABOR, TIME AND SOAP AMOUNT.

Is designed to replace the ordinary washing process, and is the only safe, labor-saving compound, and is the best for all purposes.

JAMES PYLE, NEW YORK.

Aug. 25-dw1

C. F. Schemm & Bro'

If you wish to get value received call on C. F. Schemm & Bro. They keep a full line of Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Book Cases, Mattresses, Spring Beds, Chairs, etc. Also the celebrated Superior Cook Stove, the best in the world; every stove fully guaranteed. Remember the place and give them a call. Sign of the Big Elephant, south of the Park. April 7-dw1

The Little Piano Binder for sale by Leavitt & Royal has not been improved this year. It did not need it. mar17

RETAILER of Reliable Clothing only. Come and we will convince you of this fact. CHEAP CHARLEY.



STORY UNDER THE SUN
POOR MAN'S FRIEND

Spring Season 1883.

Winter is passed once more; snow, ice and sleet are gone, and so is our Stock of Winter Goods; and as the bright rays of the Spring sun shines upon us and gladden our hearts with the forebodings of a fine Summer, and prepare the treasures of garden, field and forest for a Spring opening, so they remind us to advise our friends of

OUR SPRING OPENING.

We have made good use of the past month to prepare a Stock of CLOTHING, which for STYLE, PATTERNS and LOW PRICES, surpasses anything ever before accomplished by us, which means simply that its equal has never before been offered by anybody, and that we defy any one to offer—in fact, not by sensational worthless advertising—anything near like it.

NEXT TO THE CHOICEST IN THE LAND FOR YOUNG MEN, we have some SPECIALTIES which will create a little circus among our friends and with some who are not our friends. Come and see what is going on.

"Cheap Charley."

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH, Manufacturers of Clothing.

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Manufacturers of MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing!

Dealers in Goods for Men's Wear.

Cor. East Main & Water Sts.

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WE WILL OFFER

During April and the balance of March

100 PAIRS FINE GOLD

EYE GLASSES

\$4.00 per Pair, Worth \$6.

100 PAIRS FINE GOLD

SPECTACLES!

FROM \$4.00 UP.

Our Gold Spectacles and Eye Glasses are all fitted with the Celebrated "Diamond" Lenses, and are the best goods in the market.

O. E. CURTIS & CO.,

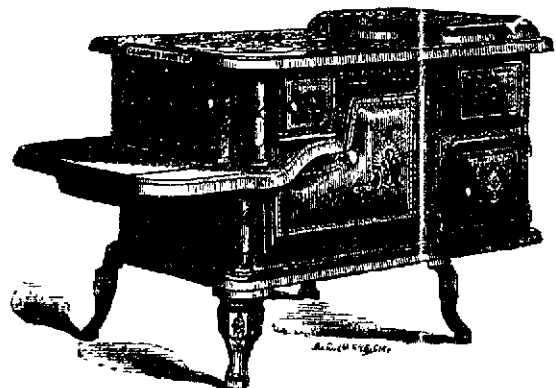
LEADING JEWELERS.

March 23, 1883—d&wt

W. L. FERGUSON.

I. W. DILLEHUNT.

NEW STORE--NEW FIRM!



Ferguson & Dillehunt.

Having taken the room lately occupied by the Decatur National Bank, NO. 13 WATER STREET, and having remodelled and refitted the same, have opened a Full Stock of

HARDWARE!

TINWARE, CUTLERY, CARPENTERS' TOOLS, &c.

Also a full line of STOVES, including the unexcelled

Champion and Champion Monitor Cook Stoves

For which we are the Sole Agents in Decatur.

ROOFING AND SPOUTING DONE TO ORDER.

We respectfully ask a share of public patronage.

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT.

S. G. Hatch & Bro.

Hats and Bonnets

FOR EASTER.

NEW AND BEAUTIFUL STYLES NOW READY.

MISS HAWKES

Would be pleased to see her lady friends and customers.

Respectfully,

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

20 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

March 21, 1883—d&wt

MRS. C. H. SMILEY.

FASHIONABLE

DRESS MAKER

Late of Kansas City, has located here, and is prepared to do all kinds of plain and fashionable DRESS-MAKING. All work first-class and guaranteed.

Making Over Suits a Specialty.

Residence—North-east Corner East Prairie and Jackson streets, Decatur, 10 miles.

Feb. 24-47

P. PERL,

EMBALMER

AND

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

May 27, '95-47

They Must Have It.

What? A writing machine. Who? All business men. Why? Because it is needed in their business, and they cannot do without one if they consult their own interests. The Caligraph is the only perfect writing machine and J. H. Durfee is the agent. References—J. T. Montgomery, Morehouse & Wells, R. Eugene Pratt, Warren & Carver, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, Ullrich's cigar office.

March 9-47

Cheap Homes.

We have cheap and desirable lots for sale in all parts of the city. Also a number of good houses and lots. Parties in search of cheap homes are invited to call on SMITH & CARVER, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, Ullrich's cigar office.

March 15-47

Notice to Contractors.

I will receive sealed proposals from contractors for the building of the new Hawthorn Block, to be built on the corner of Park and Water streets, until 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, March 27th, contractors to use the old building now standing on the lot. Plans may be seen at the office of E. McNaughton & Son, architects. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

JAMES W. HAWORTH.

March 17-47

The Daily Republican.

TERMS.
Per week, payable to Carriers, 15 Cts.
One year, in advance, \$7.00
Six Months, 3.50
Three Months, 1.75

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 23, 1883.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

We are authorized to announce JOHN R. WILSON as a candidate for town clerk, subject to the Republican township convention. We are authorized to announce FRED J. SMITH as a candidate for assessor of Decatur township, subject to the Republican convention. We are authorized to announce JAMES S. CARRER as a candidate for township collector, subject to the Republican convention.

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The remains of Bessie Toland, only child of Mrs. L. A. Toland, of Latham, arrived in Decatur last evening from St. Mary's Seminary, where the deceased died of pneumonia on Wednesday night, after an illness of two weeks, as stated yesterday. This afternoon at 1 o'clock the funeral, which was very largely attended by relatives and sympathizing friends of the grief-stricken mother, took place from the residence of Mr. D. S. Shel-labarger. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Musgrove, pastor of St. Mary's Chapel. There was appropriate singing, and many beautiful floral offerings. Those present from a distance were Dr. and Mrs. Toland Jones and daughter, and Mr. Hartford Toland, of London, Ohio. The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in Greenwood Cemetery.

The New Pump.
This afternoon at 2 o'clock the fire and water committee, accompanied by the mayor, members of the council and representatives of the press, went to the water works to hear the report of the committee of experts, H. H. Stafford, a practical engineer, and [Wm. H. Bold, a practical machinist, as to whether or not the new Clapp & Jones pump fills the bill as required by the city. The pump has been thoroughly tested and on the report of the experts rests the question whether the city will pay to Clapp & Jones the sum of \$8,750—the cost of the pump.

The County Bridge.
Commissioner Maffit reports that the repair of the old county bridge above the water works is so nearly finished that the bridge is in a passable condition to-day. Any one wishing to cross the river at that point can pass over the bridge in safety.

There was another good meeting at the Rev. Harrison revival last night. The seekers numbered 30 and the converts secured were 10. One of the late converts has written to his brother, now in Mexico, to resign his position on the railroad on which he is employed, and come to Decatur and place himself under the influence of the wonderful meeting. The meeting on Easter evening is expected to be one of the most profitable of the series. A grand jubilee over 1,700 conversions will be held on Sunday afternoon.

Next week Mr. J. M. Bell will open a first-class family grocery store in the room on the corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo streets, lately occupied by W. L. Ferguson. Mr. Bell will carry a fine stock of goods.

The "Dood".
Alack! alack! for the gentle dude, With blonde hair and his attitude, They hide his face in a crowd of high brow, Than the vacuum back of his well-banged brow, For his air is so much more his social bow, And he is said to have his social bow, And the wind blows low or wind blows high, But a dude he'll live and a dude he'll die.

And now comes Supervisor Mahannah, of Mt. Zion township, who says that the winter wheat will be found to be in much better condition than is described by the "croakers." He says a little rain will prove his prediction; but Mr. Robert Hill, of Blue Mound township, insists that a majority of the wheat is gone beyond redemption. A farmer residing two miles south of Blue Mound, says he has 25 acres of wheat on low ground which he says is in fine condition. He appeared to be happy and hopeful.

Looks Like Business.
The Pana Gazette, speaking of the St. Louis extension of the I. B. & S., or I. B. & W. road from Osnier Station, says: "An engineer of the I. B. & W. was in the city yesterday looking out a branch route to St. Louis through Pana, from a point 16 miles east of Decatur through Prairie Home, Pana and Audubon. He expresses himself very much pleased with the route from Pana northeast, and yesterday afternoon took a trip down through Audubon, to see the lay of the country in that direction. It seems the I. B. & W. find it necessary to have a St. Louis branch to their road, and it certainly looks as though this is the most practical route they can get."

Removal.
D. Dustman has removed his stock of furniture from his old stand, on the north side of the park, to the room on Merchant street, over the north of Henry Lyon's grocery store, where may be found a full line of all kinds of furniture—bedsteads, tables, chairs, parlor and bedroom sets, and everything usually found in a first-class furniture store. Mr. Dustman understands the furniture business in all its details, and is a good man to buy from. 23-47

Regular meeting of Hawthorn Council No. 56, this (Friday) evening, in Good Templar's hall. J. M. BRYNNE, S. C. J. G. SENE, R. S.

At the opera house Monday night the peerless Irish comedians, Barry & Fay, will give us their irresistibly funny comedy entitled, "Irish Aristocracy at Muldoon's Picnic." Everybody has heard of Barry and Fay, the fathers of Celtic character acting, and the originators of all the comic sports enjoyed by that famous man, Muldoon. They will have a crowded house, which they certainly deserve. Admission, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

Funeral Notice.
The funeral of Mrs. A. Jane Priest, wife of Franklin Priest, will take place from the Tabernacle at 2 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Rev. Musgrove will be the officiating clergyman.

Ben Burch, a well-known railway man, is reported dead. He was a brother of Conductor Burch, of the Wabash, and Mrs. Harry Gray and Mrs. F. W. Nevins.

The "Golden Belt" nickel cigars, made by Joe Sutter, are about the best smokers to be had in Decatur.

Lincoln Journal: Elder J. V. Bookman has been engaged to orate at Maroa, on the 25th of April, for the Odd Fellows of that place. Bro. Bookman is a member of the fraternity, and when the time comes will deliver a telling oration. His natural ability and knowledge of the order eminently fit him to pronounce such a panegyric as the great brotherhood deserves. Maroa could not have called upon a more able champion.

Just Received.
300 dozen Hosiery, comprising every grade, kind, quality and color in the market. We offer them at prices that cannot fail to attract consumer's attention. Big 18. 23 d&wt

Interesting Extracts from a Recent Letter Written by Mr. L. L. Burrows, Now in Europe.

Rome, March 1.—After my last letter from Pisa we visited the Leaning Tower, and ascended to the top, and then to the Cathedral and Baptistery. These three magnificent buildings are situated close together, and we were well paid by the grandeur of the view from the former and the elegance of the latter. Our next point of interest was the Campo Santo, a very large building, in the open court of which is the holy cemetery, the earth of which consists of 70 ship loads brought from Mt. Calvary. This took up the morning, and we left on the noon train for Rome, where we arrived at 9:30 p. m., and are very comfortably quartered at the Hotel Continental, a splendid house, and highly situated. We started out yesterday morning with a guide to undertake the great work of seeing the sights of the Eternal City, and have now done two days' hard work, with an excellent guide to a degree. I do not know where to begin to tell you anything about it, nor could I write it all up in a week if I had the time; but I must take time to mention St. Peter's, where we climbed to the highest point above, viz., into the great gilt ball on the dome, and St. Paul's; have visited the interior of 15 churches, the Coliseum, Forum, Appian Way, Baths of Caracalla, the Vatican, the Castle of St. Angelo, Arco de Titus, Septimia, Servius, Constantine and others, and old ruins without end, and yet I find it very hard to realize that at last, after so many thoughts of Rome, and its seemingly great distance from home, that I am actually walking its historic streets and gazing in the originals of those wonderful pictures that are so familiar to school boys.

Naples, March 3.—We left Rome yesterday at 4 p. m., and arrived here at 11 p. m. It was very cold when we left Rome, and we arrived here in a snowstorm, a very unusual thing here at any time of the year. This morning the weather was disagreeable and the wind so strong that it was almost impossible to get about, and so we devoted the time to the National museum, a very extensive one, and saw many noted works of art and all the wonderful curiosities exhumed from the ruins of Pompeii. This afternoon we again faced the wind and drove up on the high hill to the church and monastery of St. Francis, and looking over the bay, furnishing a view which will last in the memory a life time. The church and its chapels are said to be unsurpassed in the world. Everything, including the walls and floors, are of the richest marble, from all parts of the world, while the interior decorations consist mainly of Moslem designs more elaborate than any we have seen elsewhere.

We are much disappointed that it will be impossible to make the ascent of Mt. Vesuvius on account of the snow. However, we can see it very plainly from the city with its continuous streams of smoke and steam issuing from its crater. Naples being built on a very hard place to get about, it is as dirty a place as ever I saw in my life. It is the largest city in Italy, with a population of 450,000, and as a city we might have liked it better under more favorable circumstances of weather.

For City Clerk.
Capt. Wm. J. Darcy is announced for the above-named office. Capt. U. is the father of the Republican party in Decatur, and has spent the best years of his life in its service. He has helped many a man to office, and, like the majority of party workers, has had but little in return. He is still, however, a good Republican, and will heartily support the ticket nominated, whether his own name has a place on it or not. It goes without saying that he is every way competent to fill the office.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hand, this morning, a daughter.

Mrs. Jacob Hooftdijter departed yesterday for her home at Sterling.

Arthur Race is home from Springfield where he has been visiting all week. Ella Race will come home to-morrow.

Hon. R. S. Greene, one of the eminent lawyers of Springfield, died with Hugh Crea at the St. Nicholas to-day.

Miss Sarah Stine, popular in Decatur society, will attend the Parim ball at Bloomington next Monday night.

J. R. Race departed last night for New York. He will be absent five or six weeks, purchasing a new stock of goods for Race & Co.

T. W. Barnett, a swift operator from Toledo, has been engaged by Manager Ewald to do duty in the Western Union telegraph office.

Rev. Black, the evangelist, arrived in Decatur this forenoon from Clinton. He is holding a revival service at the Christian church this afternoon.

J. H. Pickrell and J. N. Hoyt, of Harriestown, and L. R. Morse of Illian, were among the farmers in Decatur to-day on business.

R. E. Andrews, of Maroa, was in Decatur to-day and paid us a call. The city election at Maroa will occur on Monday, April 2d. There are three saloons in Maroa.

John Zellar caught the house cleaning fever rather early. He is now having the interior of his meat market on North Water street nicely painted and papered. It is one of the cleanest shops in the city.

Lincoln Times: Mr. Andy Mills, of the law firm of Mills Bros., of Decatur, came last Friday and returned Tuesday, accompanied by his wife, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Wmgate arrived home yesterday from Charleston, whether they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. W's brother, Henry Nortolk, aged 39, who died of consumption. The funeral occurred on Sunday last.

Thos. W. Brown, advance business manager for The Devil's Auction Company, and booked to appear here on the evening of Wednesday, March 28th, was in the city last evening. "Devil's Auction" is a spectacular production which has turned away people in other cities.

Miss Jennie Russell, who resigned her position as teacher in the schools in this county on account of sickness, has regained her health, and is now acting as principal of the high school at Clinton. She was recently appointed principal of the Clinton school, a place for which she is well qualified.

Justice Albert is resting comfortably, and it now looks as if his broken limb will heal more rapidly than was at first expected. Mr. Albert is in a cheerful mood, and is resigned to the fact that he will have to sit on this case for a period of two months before the evidence is all in. He will not be long in giving his decision when the case is submitted.

IN THE MT. ZION CASE OF SCOTT VS. GOLF, tried in vacation before Judge Nelson, the plaintiff was given a verdict for \$265.45.

A grand reception is being held this week at the handsomely furnished light running "New Home" sewing machine office on North street, in charge of the always energetic dealer, Mr. G. W. Davidson, who never deals in any other but first-class premium machines. The special attraction is the exhibition work by Mrs. G. L. Brown, of St. Louis, one of the most accomplished expert operators in the employ of the New Home company. Mrs. Brown has a fine collection of beautiful samples of her skillful work, showing what can be done by any lady using the New Home a few months. The samples embrace four varieties of embroidery, different styles of shirring, cording, stitching, &c., also tasteful chenille work, all of which was done on the New Home, the blue ribbon machine, for which are claimed many advantages over all others. Mrs. Brown will remain in the city until to-morrow evening and may be found at Mr. Davidson's office. She is a very pleasant lady. A very pretty sample gift is presented each caller.

FRED SMITH, the perennial candidate for assessor, has loaned his photograph to the "Irish Aristocracy" party, which is to appear at the opera house next Monday night, and his well-known plus adorns a multitude of windows about town. In one of the pictures he appears in what seems to be a dangerous attitude, but there are no takers for the bet that he will eventually get away with the male, just as he always does with the office of assessor.

John Blenz, the well-known butcher, whose markets on the city park and on East Eldorado street, are among the best in the city, has purchased three head of fine steers from J. H. Pickrell, which will be on the blocks on Saturday and Monday, at both markets. Persons wanting choice steaks or roasts should call as early as possible, as there will doubtless be a rush for cuts from these splendid animals. 23-47

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—Some friends of Miss Lizzie Hall would like for the Herald to explain more definitely what they meant by the article in last Wednesday's issue in regard to her reputation heretofore in a great many things.

OUT OF THE COUNTY.
News Notes from Points Round About Us Near and Far.

Prof. Edwin H. Dwight, well known in Decatur, has resigned his chair in the art department of the Lincoln University.

Emma Bond has recovered to some extent from the effect of her fright on Friday night, and was able to have her picture taken on Tuesday.

There are about 14,000 head of cattle being fed at the various distilleries in Peoria, estimated to be worth at least \$1,500,000.

Forty blocks of cedar pavement will be put down at Springfield this spring. It is understood that the material is already on the way, and work will commence in the near future.

A new Methodist church, to cost \$25,000, is to be erected in Peoria this summer.

Galton is the name of a new postoffice established in Douglas county, and Owen, a new one in Winnebago county.

The Vandallians have secured the location of a paper mill in this city, and the work of erecting it is to be commenced soon.

The young ladies of Virginia sent \$80 and a quantity of clothing to the Shaw-needtown sufferers last week.

The party of Bloomington hunters which went to Sangamon about two weeks ago have all returned, and there are now 2,400 less ducks in that region.

The case of the People vs. Montgomery, Pettus and Clement, charged with outraging Miss Bond, which was to have been tried at Hillsboro next month, has been continued by agreement and will not be tried until November.

The John Donigan damage suit will probably be tried at Clinton this term. Donigan was drowned one year ago, at or near Vandalia, by his train, running into a wash-out, and his administrator has sued the Central company for \$5,000 damages.

A statistician produces figures to show that not less than \$200,000 worth of intoxicating liquors were sold in the anti-licensing town of Monticello last year.

John D. Gillett, the Logan county cattle king, has just shipped 150 head of two-year-old steers to the London market. They weighed on an average 1,510 pounds.

Charleston has succeeded in securing the shops of the new Toledo and St. Louis narrow gauge railway. In consideration thereof the people have that town agree to donate \$7,000, or thirty acres of land, furnish a constant supply

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